



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by progressive degeneration of motor cells in the spinal cord and brain; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention or cure, and the primary treatment is management of symptoms and improving the quality of life; and


WHEREAS, once ALS is diagnosed, the patient and family face a multitude of physical, emotional and financial needs; and

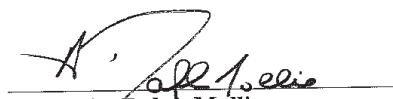
WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Day increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has on the ALS community, and recognizes the need for support services such as multidisciplinary clinics, respite care, transportation, equipment and augmentive communication device loan programs, support groups, and home visits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2011, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Day in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 13th day of May, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State